

Notes of 9/12/11 Meeting
Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee
Plainfield Energy Coordinator

- 1) Attending: Lawrence Black, Anne Miller, Rich Phillips (scribe), Ed Hutchinson, Bob Atchinson, Karl Bissex (visitor)
- 2) Convene: 7:10 PM
- 3) Adjourn: 8:40 PM
- 4) This meeting is held in place of the normal 1st Monday of the month meeting, which would have been on Labor Day.
- 5) Business
 - a. Karl Bissex led the Committee on a tour of the new pellet boiler installation. The installation should be complete in about two weeks
 - b. We discussed the draft outline of the Resident Engagement Project dated September 12, 2011 prepared by Rich on the basis of the May 2, 2011 and August 8, 2011 discussions. With some tweaks, the outline was generally accepted. The outline is printed below for convenience.
 - c. We decided to sponsor an Energy Day on October 29, 2011 to start off the project. The session would last from 10 to 2 and will be in the Twinfield Cafeteria (if available ---Rich will check--- OSC is backup). We will provide a light lunch.
 - d. The session will revolve around the experiences of residents who have implemented energy use reduction and alternative energy projects. The exact format was not decided but will be worked on before next meeting on October 3rd and decided then. Bob will contact Plainfield people for testimonials and Rich will do so in Marshfield. We will need to assist the residents, where necessary with pictures charts etc. We expect to cover home energy audits, weatherization projects, pellet stoves, wood boilers, solar water heating, solar electricity, on-demand water heaters, transportation savings options, energy conservation by behavioral change and potentially others.
 - e. We will attempt to get feedback on whether we should sponsor a vender session, a climate change session or technology-specific sessions and what preliminary ideas residents have to increase energy projects by residents. We might also seek preliminary ideas on the types of projects the Committee should pursue
 - f. We will follow the outline as to promoting the Energy Day through flyers, Field Notes, phone calls, e-mails and collaboration with the Libraries, Conservation Commissions and Planning Commissions

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A) Initial Engagement

Sponsor a Marshfield/Plainfield Energy Day:

- 1) Testimony by residents concerning weatherization successes, solar hot water, PV, pellets. Committee would support the residents with pictures and projection
- 2) Overview of what has been accomplished to date by the towns and by the residents.
- 3) General discussion of how to accomplish more energy use reduction in the towns.
- 4) Provide written information and contacts
- 5) Advertise and promote the Energy Day and other energy information/events through Field Notes, personal calls, flyers and possibly a more complete and current e-mail list. Hold the Energy Day in late October on a Saturday potentially 1 to 4 PM. Involve students in specific activities during the Day.
- 6) Provide for sign-up of residents will to serve on the Committee or on special projects.

- 7) Promote energy issues and Energy Day with the Conservation Commission, the Library and the Planning Commission. Seek the ongoing support/promotion of these committees, especially the library. Work to develop collaboration with the library and seek to work energy into their programming.
- 8) At the Energy Day, poll to determine how much interest there is in a vender exhibit session and or a climate change discussion

B) Follow up the Energy Day:

- 1) Identify a homeowner willing to have their home used as part of weatherization training for other residents. Perform a detailed energy home visit and potentially actually perform some of the simple weatherization steps like foam and weather strips. Potentially also deal with the thermostats, showerheads etc. Perhaps see if Will Fitzpatrick or Kevin Dupont or both would run the blower test and guide residents.
- 2) Identify homeowners with finished weatherization projects that would be willing to show others what was accomplished
- 3) Provide one or more tours alternative energy home tours
- 4) Provide a vender exhibit session and/or a climate change discussion if there is adequate interest.

C) Next Steps

Energy Goals Session:

- 1) How do we engage more residents in the process of energy reduction?
- 2) What are the barriers for town residents to take actions to further reduce energy use? How are they overcome?
- 3) Review the draft goals in the town plans
- 4) Propose some goals for the Energy Committee, the towns and the residents. What should the Energy Committee do re: weatherization? Re: alternative energy
- 5) Discuss the use of neighborhood groups and neighborhood energy coordinators
- 6) Develop some preliminary strategies for meeting the goals.
- 7) Determine areas of interest of volunteers so their talents can be put to the best use.